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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SA, US

SUBJECT: F-15'S FOR SAUDI ARABIA

REF: (A) USMTM 081045Z FEB 77 (NOTAL) (B) STATE 28217

1. CHUSMTM HAS RELAYED TO US (REF A) THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN TO AMBASSADOR PORTER. BEGIN TEXT OF
UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION:

H.E. U.S. AMBASSADOR, JIDDA

GREETINGS:

IN VIEW OF THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP THAT TIES THE U.S. AND
SAUDI ARABIA, WE ALWAYS DESIRE THAT MOST OF OUR ARMS PURCHASES
BE FROM U.S. PRODUCTION. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS, WE REQUEST
THAT YOU CONVEY THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE--DELEGATED TO
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION--TO DISCUSS WITH THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT--REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE
U.S. AIR FORCE--THE PURCHASE OF FIGHTER PLANES (MODEL F-15)
PRODUCED BY MCDONNELL DOUGLAS COMPANY.

I REQUEST THAT YOU TRANSMIT THIS REQUEST TO THE
RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. IN ORDER THAT

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ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE QUICKLY TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO COMMITTEES OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE U.S.

ACCEPT MY GREETINGS.

SULTAN BIN ABD AL AZIZ

END TEXT.

2. PRINCE SULTAN, YOU WILL NOTE, HAS MANAGED AN END-RUN

THROUGH USMTM, TO PUT TEXT OF HIS LETTER IN MY HAND SO
TO SPEAK. HOWEVER I DO NOT CONSIDER THIS OFFICIAL LETTER
UNLESS OR UNTIL I RECEIVE IT. I SUGGEST NO REPEAT NO
REACTION FROM DEPARTMENT OR DOD PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

3. FOR CHUSMTM: I HOPE YOU CAN MANAGE TO AVOID ANY FURTHER
DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER WITH MODA OFFICIALS.
PORTER

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